

Hot Air



Message from the President

July 2022

Hiking Del Cerro is hot this time of year. I helped a fellow glider pilot recover a downed glider recently. It was challenging. Make sure you have water, a good hat and sunscreen before heading up to the hill. In addition to the heat, we have seen a few rattlesnakes during the cooler times of the day. The snakes really aren't an issue as long as you give them an escape route. Keep your eyes open and your hands out of their hideouts and they will leave you alone. Regardless, be aware of the heat when hiking the hill.

We will be holding a meeting at La Romeria Park this Wednesday July 6th at 7:30. Bring your latest project and share it with the membership. It was great to have a good group attend the June meeting and discuss what everyone has been up to. I hope to see you at the meeting.

Over the first half of this year, a few flying sites (other than our two sites) are no longer available. I have discussed this issue in previous newsletters. However, one site that has come on line is the much anticipated site at Lake Arrowhead at the Santa's Village complex. Although this site is a fair drive for those of us living in the South Bay, it appears to be a large glider site with good lift. I plan on making the trip later this year when the temperatures drop. The fee is \$10.00 per visit. Here's [Video #1](#) and [Video #2](#) showing flying at the site on two different days. Find the site [here](#).

You can still fly at the switchbacks below Marymount University on the southwest side of Palos Verdes Drive East. Parking is near the head of the trail at the last residential area before you descend into the switchbacks. I've included a picture of Bob Okita launching one of his gliders at this site.

With the summer heat, there are fewer A.M.A. events on the calendar in California for July. Send us some pictures and write-up of your thoughts, if you attend any of the events. [July event schedule](#).

Next Meeting

Wednesday, July 6th
La Romeria Park
7:30pm

The West Torrance Little League has concluded its spring schedule at Entradero Park. With school out, there will be more school-age kids at the park. However, organized practices and games should be restricted to afternoons and weekends.

This means that the field we fly from should remain available to us weekday mornings. Try to avoid flying over groups and individuals. Weekends will still be a challenge, as club baseball and tournaments may be scheduled. Please let us know if there are any field access issues.

Parking at Del Cerro remains unchanged. Flying conditions for the Saturday, July 9th Fun-Fly should be good. Predictions are for southwest winds at 12 mph. Temperatures should be in the mid seventies. Make sure to bring plenty to drink and protect yourself from the sun. Guys usually show up around noon for the Fun-Fly.

Upcoming Fun-Flys

Del Cerro
Entradero
July 9th
None

Once again, please get your PSF 2022 renewal to Don if you haven't already. Bring your application and a friend to our Wednesday meeting this week if you don't want to mail it. As always, our application is available on the website.

I hope to see you at the monthly meeting or one of the fields.

All the best,
Jeff



Bob Okita Launching Off PV Drive East



*Still need to renew?
Please send Don your package, or
bring it to this month's meeting.*